

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—I do not exactly remember.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Then I may say that it is 28 per cent. Here the representation is only 12 per cent. I may make it clear that there must be some adequate representations though I am not an utter communalist.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it according to population that appointments are made?

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member himself will answer the question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—We have been in the Council for a very long time and we have been urging for a Public Service Commission. The essence of Public Service Commission is representation according to population.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—No, no.

Marketing Officers and their works.

97. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) when did the two Marketing Officers of the State take charge of their offices; have they submitted reports regarding the works that they have already done;

(2) what is the nature of the work that they do at present;

(3) are they asked to go into questions pertaining to arecanuts and cocoanuts; if not, why not?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(1) The Marketing Officer for Crops took charge on 28th Meenam 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Livestock and Dairy on 1st Medam 1110. They have submitted monthly reports on the work done.

(2) They are at present engaged in Marketing Survey of the State with particular reference to the following commodities: rice, wheat, groundnuts, linseed, fruits, tobacco, livestock, hides and skins, milk, eggs and also a study of Markets and Fairs and Co-operative Marketing in the State.

(3) No. The Marketing Officers are working under the directions of the Marketing Adviser to the Government of India who has selected only crops of A-India importance for 1935. Questions pertaining to arecanuts and cocoanuts are not therefore taken up at present.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Considering the importance

of Cocoanut cultivation in the State will the question pertaining to that be taken up in the near future?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—These subjects will be taken up when the survey for the purpose is over.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether wheat is grown anywhere in Cochin?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It is not grown anywhere in the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And ground-nut and linseed and tobacco?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—They are used in the State but not cultivated. In the marketing survey these points are also to be taken into consideration because it is an all India survey and not the survey of the State alone.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not the Government aware that arecanut is one of the most important cottage industries in the State?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to seriously consider the question of marketing facilities for arecanut?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—That is one of the points discussed by the Superintendent of Economic Survey in his report and when Government passes final orders on the survey this question will be considered.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Are not ground-nuts and linseed cultivated at least in Chittur?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.—കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തെ പ്രധാന കാഷ്ഠികോല്പന്നങ്ങളെന്തെല്ലാം?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Rice and cocoanuts.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.—അടയ്ക്കാ നാളികേരത്തെപ്പോലെ പ്രധാനമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Arecanut cultivation is also important. There are other important products in particular

areas. But I gave the answer with reference to the whole State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government any idea of the approximate quantity of arecanuts?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—No survey has been made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Without a survey is the Government in a position to say whether it has got any idea of the approximate quantity?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It is not possible to give the information because the arecanut cultivation is carried on in different parts of the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I take it that the Government have no idea?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Government has an idea of the extent of cultivation but not about the quantity.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the observations made by the Superintendent of Economic Survey regarding the importance of arecanut industry in the State?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes, and a survey will be conducted when the all India survey is over and if the officers have time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have representations been made to the Government regarding the importance of arecanut industry and the desirability or urgent necessity of the Government taking immediate steps to see that this industry is fostered instead of being spoiled?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—We have received representations and the matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long has it been before the Government?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—For the last two or three months. We are in touch with the officers concerned as to what should be done to bring about the desired result.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In what time could we have the conclusion?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Every effort will be made to expedite it.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the case of cocoanut also when orders are passed on the survey?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Certainly, that is one of the recommendations.

Conversion of the Chief Court into a High Court.

98. Mr. P. Govinda Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to convert the Chief Court of Cochin into a High Court; and if so, what the reasons for the decision are?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no such proposal.

Housing of homeless beggars.

99. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the average number of beggars squatting on the maidan in front of the Ernakulam Archbishop's House and the Post Office;

(b) does the Government propose to do anything for housing these homeless beggars?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Statistics are not available.

(b) There is a poor house at Ernakulam which takes in beggars as far as possible.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—I beg to submit that this answer is irresponsible.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member cannot make observations on the answer. He can put supplementary questions if he wants.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—I want to request the President to drive to that place one fine evening and see the matter himself.

Mr. President.—I shall go with the Hon'ble Member himself.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the Hon'ble Member made an attempt to collect the statistics?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No attempt was made.